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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Meeting of the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services (DACOWITS)

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense is publishing this notice to announce that the following Federal Advisory Committee meeting of the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services (DACOWITS) will take place. This meeting is open to the public.

DATES: Thursday, September 18, 2014, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; Friday, September 19, 2014, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Sheraton National Hotel-Pentagon City, 900 South Orme St, Arlington, VA 22204.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert Bowling or DACOWITS Staff at 4000 Defense Pentagon, Room 5A734, Washington, DC 20301-4000.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C. Appendix, as amended), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b), and Section 10(a), Public Law 92-463, as amended, notice is hereby given of a forthcoming meeting of the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services (DACOWITS).

The purpose of the meeting is for the Committee to receive briefings and updates relating to their current work and to vote on their 2014 recommendations. The Committee will receive an update on the Women in Service Review (WISR) plan. The Committee will also receive briefings from the Services on improving female accessions and recruitment. The Army and Navy will give briefings on the alignment of their sexual assault and sexual harassment programs. The Sexual Assault and Prevention Response Office (SAPRO) will provide an update briefing. Health Affairs will provide an update on the review of the Military Health System. Additionally, there will be a public comment period. Finally, the Committee will propose and vote on their 2014 recommendations.

Pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.140, and section 10(a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, interested persons may submit a written statement for consideration by the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services. Individuals submitting a written statement must submit their statement to the point of contact listed at the address in FOR FURTHER **INFORMATION CONTACT** no later than 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 16, 2014. If a written statement is not received by Tuesday, September 16, 2014, prior to the meeting, which is the subject of this notice, then it may not be provided to or considered by the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services until its next open meeting. The Designated Federal Officer will review all timely submissions with the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services Chair and ensure they are provided to the members of the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services. If members of the public are interested in making an oral statement, a written statement should be submitted. After reviewing the written comments, the Chair and the Designated Federal Officer will determine who of the requesting persons will be able to make an oral presentation of their issue during an open portion of this meeting or at a future meeting. Pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.140(d), determination of who will be making an oral presentation is at the sole discretion of the Committee Chair and the Designated Federal Officer

and will depend on time available and if the topics are relevant to the Committee's activities.

Two minutes will be allotted to persons desiring to make an oral presentation. Oral presentations

by members of the public will be permitted only on Friday, September 19, 2014 from 1:00 p.m.

to 1:30 p.m. in front of the full Committee. The number of oral presentations to be made will

depend on the number of requests received from members of the public.

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b and 41 CFR 102-3.140 through 102-3.165, this meeting is open to the

public, subject to the availability of space.

Meeting agenda:

Thursday, September 18, 2014, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

- Welcome, Introductions, Announcements
- Briefing Request for Information Update
- Briefing WISR Implementation Plan

Friday, September 19, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

- Welcome and Announcements
- Briefing Services Briefing on Improving Female Accession and Focused Recruitment
- Briefing Sexual Assault/Sexual Harassment Alignment
- Briefing SAPRO Update
- Briefing Update on Military Health System
- Public Comment Period
- Propose and Vote on 2014 Recommendations

Dated: August 20, 2014.

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